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1. BULGARIAN PARTY-GOVERNMENT DELEGATION HEADED BY
PARTY FIRST SECRETARY ZHIVKOV VISITED GDR JAN. 21-24.
AS EXPECTED, VISIT WAS CHARACTERIZED BY GDR-BULGARIAN
CONTEST IN ADULATION OF MOSCOW, WITH BREZHNEV PERSONALLY
RECEIVING A SHARE. PEKING WAS PRINCIPAL
VILLAIN. STATING THAT TIME "HAS
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COMMUNIST PARTIES, BOTH SIDES MADE PURPOSE OF SUCH CON-

REFERENCE UNMISTAKEABLY CLEAR BY ASSERTING CHINESE HAD
BROKEN COMPLETELY WITH MARXISM-LENINISM AND PLEDGING
RESOLUTE STRUGGLE AGAINST MAOIST IDEOLOGY AND POLICIES.

2. JUDGING BY PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS, ECONOMIC COOPERATION
SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MAIN BILATERAL SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION,
ALTHOUGH IT WAS TREATED LARGELY IN THE CONTEXT OF CEMA
INTEGRATION. WHILE NO DETAILS PUBLISHED, JOINT STATE-
MENT (ASSUME TEXT CARRIED BY FBIS) ENVISAGES EXPANSION
OF GDR-BULGRIAN RELATIONS, WITH EMPHASIS ON SPECIALIZA-
TION AND COOPERATION (ESPECIALLY IN MACHINE AND EQUIPMENT
PRODUCTION), INCREASED BILATERAL TRADE TURNOVER, BROADER
EXCHANGE OF CONSUMER GOODS AND INTENSIFIED TOURISM.

3. DESPITE PROCLAIMED IDENTITY OF VIEWS
EAST GERMANS AND BULGARIANS APPARENTLY
DID NOT NEGLECT THEIR INDIVIDUAL SPECIAL INTERESTS.
FOR EXAMPLE, ZHIVKOV SUPPORTED GDR POSITION ON GDR-FRG
RELATIONS AND STATUS OF BERLIN BY STATING THAT BASIC
TREATY HAD PUT AN END TO "SO-CALLED OPEN GERMAN QUESTION"
AND THAT BULGARIA PREPARED TO "ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP
RELATIONS WITH WESTBERLIN". HOWEVER, APPARENTLY TO
AVOID UNDUE FRICTION WITH BONN AT THIS STAGE, HE REFRAINED
FROM ECHOING HONECKER'S RATHER SHARP CRITICISM OF FRG
POLICIES TOWARDS GDR.
BULGARIAN CONCERNS PROBABLY ALSO ACCOUNT FOR FACT THAT
GDR POLEMICS AGAINST BONN, INTENSIFIED AT THIS JUNCTURE
BY FRG DECISION LOCATE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT OFFICE
IN WEST BERLIN, DID NOT FIND THEIR WAY INTO JOINT
STATEMENT.KLEIN

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